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- 1. AMBASSADOR AND COMMATT HELD PRODUCTIVE MEETING WITH DR. HARRY SELLO, JULY 8. AS PROMISED IN REFTEL A (PARA 5) AMB STRESSED EMB VIEW THAT THIS IS LAST RPT LAST CHANCE FOR FAIRCHILD TO SALVAGE ITS PROPOSED HUNGARIAN PROJECT. HE FURTHER EMPHASIZED TO SELLO THAT DUE TO BUREAUCRATIC SUMMER DOLDRUMS URGENCY MOST ESSENTIAL. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR COCOM APPROVAL IN PARIS.
- 2. FOLLOWING JULY 9 FAIRCHILD MEETING WITH TUNGSRAM AND STATE COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT, OMFB, SELLO RETURNED TO EMB TO REPORT ON CURRENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO SELLO. FAIRCHILD PRESIDENT WILL SEND PERSONAL LETTER REQUESTING EXTENSION DIRECTLY TO TUNGSRAM GENERAL DIRECTOR, BELA DIENES. THIS FORMAL PLEA WAS REQUESTED BY TUNGSRAM AND OMFB TO HELP OVERCOME POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN HUNGARIAN MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND CONSTITUTES ADDITIONAL INDICATION THAT FAIRCHILD CLEARLY RUNNING OUT OF TIME AS FAR AS GOH CONCERNED. NEVERTHELESS, SELLO CONFIDENTIAL

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STATED MEETING WAS HELD IN CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE THOUGH

DIENES CONSPICUOUS BY HIS ABSENCE.

3. DR. SELLO EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DOWNEY (BEWT) AND EMBASSY BUDAPEST IN THIS MATTER. HE ALSO SAID HE PLANS TO MAKE DIRECT AND PERSONAL CONTACT WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DOWNEY AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENT AND DEFENSE SOON AFTER HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON. MCAULIFFE

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